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Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM

E. Henry Knoche

Chairman, DCI Steering Group on

Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations

SUBJECT

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Report of DCI SAL Steering Group on Soviet Dismantling and Destruction

of Older ICBM Launchers

- 1. The attached memorandum was prepared by the SALT Monitoring Working Group and approved by the DCI Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations. It reports that the Soviets are continuing their efforts to dismantle older ICBM launchers. Of the 67 ICBM launchers which should have been completely dismantled or destroyed by early October 1976, at least 39 can be considered fully dismantled in accordance with procedures. At launch sites containing an additional 20 launchers dismantling or destruction has been essentially completed, but some equipment and dismantled components have not been removed from the sites as required by the agreed procedures.
- 2. To compensate for SLBM launchers on submarines on sea trials, dismantling should be initiated on 56 ICBM launchers by late October 1976 in addition to the 67 which should have been fully dismantled or destroyed. At present, we have identified dismantling activity at sites with 49 launchers in addition to the 59 launchers above on which dismantling or destruction has been fully or essentially completed.

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E. Henry Knoche

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chairman

NSC Verification Panel

FROM

George Bush

Director

SUBJECT

Transmittal of DCI SAL Steering
Group Report on Soviet Dismantling

and Destruction of Older ICBM

Launchers

- 1. Attached is a memorandum approved by the DCI Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations. The memorandum reports that the Soviets are continuing their efforts to dismantle older ICBM launchers. Of the 67 ICBM launchers which should have been completely dismantled or destroyed by early October 1976, at least 39 can be considered fully dismantled in accordance with procedures. At launch sites containing an additional 20 launchers dismantling or destruction has been essentially completed, but some equipment and dismantled components have not been removed from the sites as required by the agreed procedures.
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3. Copies of this memorandum are also being

furnished to members of the Verification Panel.

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MEMO: To Chairman, NSC Verification Panel re Transmittal of DCI SAL Steering Group Report on Soviet Dismantling and Destruction of Older ICBM Launchers

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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of Defense

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The attached memorandum presents the results of our most recent review of Soviet progress in meeting their obligation to dismantle older ICBM launchers.

> George Bush Director

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Attached is a copy of the report on Soviet dismantling and destruction of older ICBM launchers sent to the Chairman of the NSC Verification Panel by the Director of Central Intelligence.

Sayre Stevens
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Dismantling of SS-7 and SS-8 Launchers

Summary

procedures at some sites.

The latest satellite photography snows that Soviet dismantling or destruction of older ICBM launchers is continuing. There are still some deficiencies, however, in fulfilling all the detailed Standing Consultative Commission (SCC)

Based on our estimate of the number of SSBNs operational and on sea trials, dismantling of 123 older launchers should be complete or under way by late October to compensate for replacement SLBM launchers on submarines—including one unit which began sea trials in September and two which we believe began sea trials in October. Of these 123, 67 launchers should have been completely dismantled or destroyed by early October.

Dismantling or destruction activities are now visible at sites with 108 launchers.

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Soviet Claims and Dismantling Requirements

Article IV of the Interim Agreement established that both parties may modernize and replace strategic offensive ballistic missiles and launchers covered by the Agreement. Agreed Statement K reviews which systems may be replaced and when dismantling of these systems should begin, and states that the SCC will determine the procedures for dismantling and

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destruction as well as for timely notification . of such actions.* In July 1974, the SCC completed agreed procedures to be used in dismantling older ICBM and SLBM launchers. Thus far, the Soviets have dismantled only older ICBM launchers.

Dismantling or destruction of replaced ICBM launchers shall be completed no later than four months after the replacement submarine begins sea trials. (From SCC Procedures, Section II/5).

To be in accord with the dismantling procedures of the SCC, the Soviets should have had 51 launchers fully dismantled by about 1 March. Only eight launchers were completely dismantled by that date, however. In early April, the Soviets after acknowledging that they had failed to meet the schedule, stated that they would have the additional launchers dismantled by 1 June. On 1 June, they notified the US that all 51 launchers were dismantled or destroyed in accordance with agreed procedures.

By late September, in addition to the 51 launchers which were required to be completely dismantled, another 44 were to be in process.

At the SCC meeting on 28 September, the Soviets claimed that 61 launchers were completely dismantled and that 34 were in the process.

By early October we believe the Soviets should have dismantled 67 older launchers and by late October have an additional 56 under way.

Dismantling or destruction of replaced launchers shall be initiated no later than the date of the beginning of sea trials of a replacement submarine. (SCC Procedures, Section II/5).

^{*}Appropriate sections from the SCC protocol and from the attachment to the SCC protocol are presented in italics in this memorandum.

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In the last six months the number of launchers on which dismantling should be complete or in process has risen from 51 to 123.* Five new submarines with 72 launchers have begun sea trials. Two of the new submarines were D-I class units, each with 12 launchers, which probably began sea trials in late July and mid-October. In early June a D-class unit with 16 launchers initiated sea trials. Another D-class with 16 tubes apparently began sea trials in September, based on the amount of time that has elapsed since it was launched and on the Soviet notification to the SCC. One more submarine of this type was photographed in one of the last stages of outfitting in late September and it should have started sea trials by the end of October.

Soviet Dismantling Actions

Dismantling or destruction procedures for ICBM launchers and associated facilities and for ballistic missile submarines and SLBM launchers shall ensure that they would be put in a condition that precludes the possibility of their use for launching ICBMs or SLBMs, respectively; shall ensure that reactivation of units dismantled or destroyed would be detectable by national technical means; shall be such that reactivation time of those units would not be substantially less than the time required for new construction; and shall preclude unreasonable delays in dismantling or destruction. (From SCC Protocol on Procedures Governing Replacement, Dismantling or Destruction and Notification Thereof for Strategic Offensive Arms).

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^{*}Between 2 and 19 September, the Y-class submarine modified to carry 12 rather than its original complement of 16 launchers probably began sea trials which could reduce the total SLBM count by four tubes. The Soviets, however, did not reflect this reduction in their notification to the SCC on 28 September.

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In all cases the following actions shall be accomplished in carrying out dismantling or destruction: (a) removal from the launch site of the supply of missiles and their components, warheads, and mobile equipment; (b) dismantling of fixed launch equipment, erecting and handling equipment, and propellant-handling equipment from the launch site. Launch equipment is understood to be systems, components, and instruments required to launch a missile.

(SCC Procedures, Section II/1).

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In the case of soft launch sites, in addition to the actions specified in paragraph 1, the following actions shall be performed: (a) areas of the launch pads centered on the launch stand and at least 20 meters in diameter and missile launch control posts (bunkers) shall be made unusable by dismantling or destruction.

(SCC Procedures, Section II/2).

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Fuel storage tanks shall be dismantled and removed from the launch site; and (c) debris of destroyed areas of launch pads and of missile launch control posts (bunkers), and the fuel storage tank foundations may be removed, and, after six months, the places where they were located may be covered with earth.... (SCC Procedure Section II/2).

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In the case of silo launch sites, in addition to the actions specified in paragraph 1, the following actions shall be performed: (a) silo doors, silo door rails, exhaust gas ducting, launch tubes and silo headworks shall be dismantled or destroyed, and dismantled components shall be removed from the launch site; and (b) after the actions provided for in subparagraph (a) above, have been accomplished. the silos shall remain open for a period of six months, after which they may be filled with earth. (SCC Procedures, Section II/3).

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